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FROM TWINAM

E. O.11652:GDS
TAGS: MARR, MASS, BA
SUBJECT: MIDDLE EAST FORCE AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE

1. WHEN I CALLED ON PRIME MINISTER EARLY EVENING AUGUST 10 OTHERS WERE IN HIS DORCHESTER HOTEL SUITE, SO DISCUSSION OF THIS SUBJECT, WHICH HE RAISED, WAS BRIEF AND GUARDED.

2. I NOTED THAT IN HIS ABSENCE I HAD CONVEYED OUR LATEST RESPONSE TO AMIR AND AT AMIR'S REQUEST SUBSEQUENTL DISCUSSED IT WITH FOREIGN MINISTER. PRIME MINISTER REPLIED HE FULLY AWARE OF THIS BUT PREFERRED TO HANDLE THIS PROBLEM DIFFERENTLY THAN WE HAD SUGGESTED.

3. HE REPEATED HIS TENTATIVE WILLINGNESS TO COME THROUGH WASHINGTON BEGINNING OCTOBER AFTER OFFICIAL VISITS TO AUSTRALIA-NEW ZEALAND TO DISCUSS PROBLEM. IN RESPONSE HIS QUERY I ASSURED HIM HE WOULD ALWAYS BE WELCOME BUT THAT I COULD NOT PROMISE ON THE SPOT HOW DEFINITIVE DISCUSSIONS MIGHT BE AT THAT TIME. I ASKED THAT GOB STAY IN TOUCH WITH EMBASSY MANAMA ABOUT HIS PLANS AND ASSURED HIM CHARGE BURLEIGH FULLY BRIEFED ON NAVY ISSUE AND PREPARED TO RELAY TO WASHINGTON FURTHER SUGGESTIONS GOB MIGHT HAVE OVER
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4. I REMINDED PRIME MINISTER US SURVEY TEAM OF BDF HELICOPTER PROGRAM IS WRAPPING UP IN-BAHRAIN PORTION ITS MISSION AND HE SAID HE HAD BEEN SO INFORMED.

5. PRIME MINISTER SAID HE PLANS TO RETURN TO BAHRAIN AUGUST L3 BEFORE AMIR LEAVES FOR COLOMBO.

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